

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

office equipment that includes a display, a the display being used by the office equipment to provide status as to operation of the office equipment; and

a computing system, in communication with the office equipment, the computing system for obtaining information unrelated to operation of the office equipment, and for causing the office equipment to display the information in place of a status message.

2. (Currently Amended) A The system as in claim 1 wherein the office equipment is at least one of the following:

a printer;

a scanner;

a fax machine;

a telephone; and,

a telephone answering machine.

3. (Currently Amended) A The system as in claim 1 wherein the computing system obtains information from a site on a network.

4. (Currently Amended) A The system as in claim 1 wherein the computing system obtains information from an internet site.

5. (Currently Amended) A The system as in claim 1 wherein the computing system obtains information from another computing system which requests display of the information.

6. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

(a) obtaining, by a computing system, information unrelated to operation of office equipment;

(b) generating, by the computing system, instructions to the office equipment to display the information;

(c) sending the instructions from the computing system to the office equipment; and,

(d) displaying the information by the office equipment ~~that~~ on a display used by the office equipment to provide status as to operation of the office equipment, the information being displayed in place of a status message.

7. (Currently Amended) A The method as in claim 6 wherein in step (a) the office equipment is at least one of the following:

a printer;

a scanner;

a fax machine;

a telephone; and,

a telephone answering machine.

8. (Currently Amended) A The method as in claim 6 wherein in step (a) the computing system obtains information from a site on a network.

9. (Currently Amended) A The method as in claim 6 wherein in step (a) the computing system obtains information from an internet site.

10. (Currently Amended) A The method as in claim 6 wherein in step (a) the computing system obtains information from another computing system which requests display of the information.

11. (Original) A computing system comprising:

first communication means for obtaining information unrelated to operation of office equipment;

processing means for translating the information into instructions to the office equipment to display the information on a display used by the office equipment to provide status as to operation of the office equipment, wherein the instructions instruct the office equipment to display the information in place of a status message; and,

second communication means for sending the instructions from the computing system to the office equipment.

12. (Currently Amended) A The computing system as in claim 11 wherein the office equipment is at least one of the following:

a printer;

a scanner;

a fax machine;

a telephone; and,
a telephone answering machine.

13. (Currently Amended) A The computing system as in claim 11 wherein the first connection means provides connection of the computing system to a site on a network.

14. (Currently Amended) A The computing system as in claim 11 wherein the first connection means provides connection of the computing system to an internet site.

15. (Currently Amended) A The computing system as in claim 11 wherein the first connection means provides connection of the computing system to another computing system which requests display of the information.

16. (New) An imaging device comprising:

a display configured to display status information related to operations of the imaging device; and

the imaging device being configured to receive instructions from a computing device that cause the imaging device to display information unrelated to the operations of the imaging device.

17. (New) The imaging device of claim 16 where the imaging device includes one of: a printer, a scanner, and a fax machine.